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HOUSE RESOLUTION 228  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Metropolitan Nashville Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. for hosting the Fifth Annual Sister-For-Sister Conference.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those service organizations which are committed to helping people to improve their status in life; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women is one such outstanding advocacy organization that seeks to assist women to become economically independent and politically active; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Chapter of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. was born from an impetus of women such as LaVonna Jackson, Janette McGowan, Mary Beth Crutchfield and Susan Short Jones, whose vision led to the formation of an interest group focused on leadership development, economic and political empowerment and the enhancement of the role of African American women in Metropolitan Nashville; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five women founded the Metropolitan Nashville Chapter of 100 Black Women, Inc., which was installed March 15, 1994, at Loew's Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel; founding

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President, Susan Short Jones, immediate past President, Annie Wynn Neal, and current President, Samella Junior Spence, have astutely led the chapter; and

WHEREAS, the chapter promotes self-sufficiency, networking, leadership development, and economic empowerment through advocacy with action; program subcommittees develop advocacy efforts to focus on networking, leadership, Get-Out-the-Vote, economic empowerment, health and youth; and

WHEREAS, *My Sister's Closet*, a chapter program, was an outgrowth of the Women's Development Project led by Lettie Galloway, and is a mentoring effort between chapter members and participants of OIC; clothing donated by chapter members can be purchased by OIC participants and others to assist young women in their transition from welfare to work, with sale proceeds going to OIC to provide funding for on-going activities; and

WHEREAS, the Sister-For-Sister Conference was the inspiration of chapter member Rosetta Miller Perry and was implemented by Samella Junior Spence, then chair of the program development committee; begun in 1998, the annual spring conference attracts hundreds of women each year who are seeking to improve their personal and professional well-being; and

WHEREAS, participants gain insight and practical tools for attaining their goals from speakers with vast knowledge in economics, politics, health care and other important issues; a Women of Color Luncheon was recently added to the conference to facilitate networking to women from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Metropolitan Chapter will host the Fifth Annual Sister-For-Sister Conference Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, 2002, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville; the theme of the conference is "African American Women: Making Decisions Today for Tomorrow"; and

WHEREAS, the featured speaker at the 7:00 p.m. Friday banquet is the renowned motivational speaker, the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Crowder; writer and financial consultant, Ms. Brooke Stephens will speak at the concluding luncheon; and

WHEREAS, the agenda of the Fifth Annual Sister-For-Sister Conference clearly continues the traditions of the Nashville Metropolitan Chapter of 100 Black Women for providing outstanding advocacy and programs for empowerment of African American women, and is worthy of our acknowledgement and praise; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and thank the Nashville Metropolitan Chapter of 100 Black Women, Inc. for hosting the Fifth Annual Sister-For-Sister Conference in Nashville, as well as for their continuing outstanding work in advocacy for African American Women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes for an outstanding conference and every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.